

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5-7.

1. (Currently amended) A fastener comprising:
a shaft having a first end and second end;
an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and
an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least ~~one~~ two specified physical ~~property~~ properties of the shaft of the fastener, the identifying color on the exposed portion being capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 18 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

2. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a second identifier on the exposed portion, the second identifier corresponding to at least a ~~second~~ third specified physical property of the fastener.

3. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a color.

4. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 2, wherein the second identifier is a letter.

5. (Canceled)

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8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) A method of identifying the physical properties of an inserted fastener ~~physical properties during building inspection~~, comprising:

selecting a plurality of colors to apply to ~~an exposed surface~~ a portion of a fastener that is exposed then the fastener is inserted into an object, where each color connotes ~~one or more a~~ different combination of at least two physical properties of the fastener;

applying one of said plurality of colors to the exposed surface of the fastener, so that the color may be recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet;

inserting the fastener into an object; and

providing a ~~building inspector with~~ color key with the selected plurality of colors indicating the specific combination of at least two physical properties that each selected color connotes.

10. (Canceled)

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11. (Canceled)

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13. (Withdrawn) A method of making a fastener with physical properties which are identifiable from a distance, comprising:

pre-selecting a plurality of colors where each color corresponds to at least one specified physical property of a fastener;

providing a fastener having a known physical property; and

applying a specified color of the plurality to the fastener so that the color may be determined from a distance, the specified color having been pre-selected to define the known physical property of the fastener.

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44. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:

a shaft having a first end and second end;

an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and

an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least one specified physical property of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

45. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a nail.

46. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt.

47. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a staple.

48. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a rivet.

49. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a screw.

50. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.

51. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.

52. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.

53. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.

54. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a symbol on the exposed portion, the symbol being pre-selected to correspond to ~~at least one~~ a third specified physical property of the fastener.

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55. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a letter on the exposed portion, the letter being pre-selected to correspond to ~~at least one~~ a third specified physical property of the fastener.

56. (Previously presented) The fastener of Claim 1, further comprising a number on the exposed portion, the number being pre-selected to correspond to ~~at least one~~ a third specified physical property of the fastener.

57. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a nail.
58. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
59. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a staple.
60. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
61. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a screw.
62. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.

63. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.
64. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.
65. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 5, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
66. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a nail.
67. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
68. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a staple.
69. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
70. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a screw.
71. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor bolt.

72. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.
73. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.
74. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 1, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
75. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:
a shaft having a first end and second end;
an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and
an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least two specified physical properties of the fastener, the identifying

color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 18 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

- 76. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a nail.
- 77. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a bolt.
- 78. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a staple.
- 79. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a rivet.
- 80. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a screw.
- 81. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a wedge anchor

bolt.

- 82. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is an anchor bolt.
- 83. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a bolt and nut.
- 84. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener is a lag bolt.
- 85. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 75, wherein the fastener has an indicia

indicating a third physical property of the fastener.

- 86. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a symbol.
- 87. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a letter.
- 88. (Withdrawn) The fastener of Claim 85, wherein the indicia is a number.
- 89. (Withdrawn) A fastener comprising:

a shaft having a first end and second end;

an exposed portion attached to the first end of the shaft; and

an identifying color on the exposed portion, the identifying color pre-selected to correspond to at least two specified physical properties of the fastener, the identifying color capable of being recognized by a person of normal vision from a distance of at least 10 feet when the shaft has been inserted into a surface.

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicants' attorney appreciates the courtesy extended by Examiner Mitchell during the interview on February 14, 2005. Set forth below is Applicants' attorney's recollection of the subject matter discussed. A copy of the Examiner's Interview Summary is attached.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

An exhibit was shown and discussed which consisted of a shadow box demonstrating the nails of the instant invention to those of the prior art and Applicants' fastener and connector system.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Independent Claims 1, 9 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Three cited references, Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,917), Schwartz (U.S. Patent No. 5,181,439) and Campbell (U.S. Patent No. 4,894,963), were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Amendments to the two independent claims were discussed and the Examiner agreed that amendments describing color coding representing two shaft properties would be acceptable and would read over the prior art.

Results of Interview

The Examiner noted that systems could include kit and kits are considered patentable.